



Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods



May 5 2019

We extend a sincere welcome to everyone. If you are visiting with us, please let us get to know you after the service. Morning tea is served in the Hall.

Praise

Revelation 5: 11-14

Praise, properly, cannot be forced. No one can praise simply because they are told to. Genuine praise comes from the heart. It is accompanied by feelings of joy, but it is focused on another, not on oneself. So, praising God is much more than singing songs, hymns or psalms. Music and singing have, from ancient times, been means whereby people have expressed their praise toward God, and they give us means whereby we can express our praise to God today, but praise is more than the music and the words of songs. It is an attitude that wells up from deep within our being, an attitude that honours and glorifies God. It recognizes the superiority of God's power and authority, of God's infinite love and distinctive holiness. This we can do in words, but also in actions, in the way we live. As the visionary in Revelation 5:13 says, every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them can praise God and his Christ. They do this in living true to God's intended role for them. Only humans have the power to defy God's intention and live lives addicted to self-praise. True praise arises out of a delight in the one who is being praised and implies a forgetting of self. It is inextricably bound up with the love toward God that is Christ's principal commandment to us. In his vision, John the Seer presents the rejected, discarded and crucified Jesus under the guise of a sacrificial lamb but affirms that he is worthy of all the praise appropriately given to God the Creator. Jesus is worthy to be praised as divine. We praise people for their achievements and successes, for their character and benefactions, but beyond all human praiseworthiness there remains One who is worthy above all others, the One who ultimately is to be praised and worshipped by all creation, even that difficult and rebellious part of it called humanity. In Christ, we are privileged to participate in the universal chorus of praise even now before the end of the story is written.

- When do you praise another person? What prompts you to do it?
- Distinguish, if you can, between genuine praise and false praise.
- How can we express praise to God?
- Why praise God?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications



Services Today

Montville	8.15am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Bruce Johnson HC
Palmwoods	10.00am	Pastor Kay Nixon
	1.00pm	Tongan Service

Readings (Easter 3)

Acts 9:1-6,(7-20), Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-9

Services Next Week May 12

Montville	8.15am	Rev Bob Philpott HC
Maleny	9.45am	Mr Peter Uhlmann
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev Bob Philpott HC

Readings (Easter 4)

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23,
Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

The Week Ahead

Reflection Gallery Montville Open Daily 10am-3pm

Tuesday May 7

7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661

Wednesday May 8

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Friday May 10

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

Uniting in Christ | acting with love | living with hope | witnessing in faith | working for justice

